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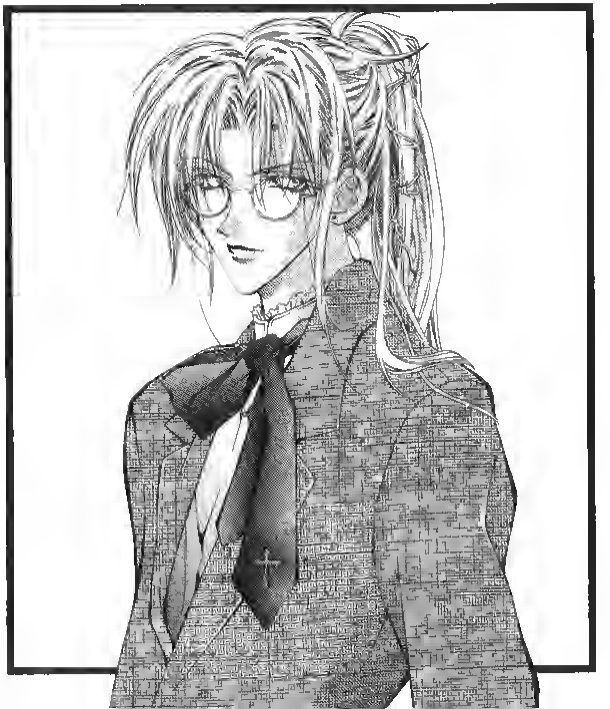

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SUNAO'S CLASSMATE AND A MODEL STUDENT KUREHA HARBORS A WILD STREAK AND ONCE ATTEMPTED TO SET THE SCHOOL ON FIRE AFTER BEING SAVED BY SUNAO, KUREHA CHOSE TO VENT HER FEELINGS IN A MORE AFFECTIONATE, IF PERVERTED MANNER

SHIZUKI KAGUYA
THE WEIRD SCHOOL NURSE WHO HAS A UNIQUE STYLE AND PERSONALITY HE KNOWS ABOUT SUNAO'S POWER, BUT SO FAR, HE'S PREFERRED TO STAY ON THE SIDELINES RATHER THAN GET INVOLVED

Meet the Cast

Things of great beauty are often fleeting and fragile.

FUJIWARA SUNAO
A HIGH SCHOOL FRESHMAN CAPABLE OF CONTROLLING WATER HER CAREFREE ATTITUDE AND INSISTENCE ON DRESSING LIKE A BOY MAKE HER A DIFFICULT STUDENT, YET SHE HAS A SOFT SPOT FOR THOSE IN NEED

Story So Far

Fujiwara Sunao isn't like ordinary teenagers. For starters, she's quiet and tomboyish, preferring to disguise herself as a boy rather than deal with the unwarranted attention of male high schoolers. She also possesses a remarkable power over water. It obeys her every whim with no regard to physics or natural law. However, perhaps Sunao's single most defining trait is her compassion. Despite her inherent shyness, she can't help lending a hand to people in need. Of course, she can't do this on her own.

Ikushima Kureha is the school's top student and class president, but all is not what it seems to be with this wild child. After Sunao showed her the importance of forging her own destiny, she chose to saddle her destiny alongside Sunao's, and now acts as Sunao's ally and de facto girlfriend. Shizuki Kaguya is the school's nurse. Despite his age and unusual personality, he's taken an interest in Sunao's affairs. Hokage Mina is Sunao's mysterious guardian. While he's not related to her, she lives with him and he treats her like a daughter or younger sibling. These three unique individuals have become Sunao's "family." Call them weirdos if you'd like, but it's a strange world, and if you're going to catch a freak, perhaps it's best if you're a bit of one yourself. When it comes to unexplained phenomena, if Sunao and her crew are on the case, it's as good as cracked.

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Cocoon of the Gods Part

カタカタカタ
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Oh
EIKO-CHAN, THANK YOU
BESIDES, YOU'VE ALWAYS GOT ME!
♡
UGH, QUIT IT!
AW, NO BIGGIE
BUT WHEN YOUR NEW DOLLS ARE OUT, I GET FIRST PICK!
SURE!
DON'T BE MEAN JUST 'CUZ SHE HAS LESS TIME FOR YOU!
♡
SHE'S JUST GOING AFTER HER DREAMS AND WE SHOULD SUPPORT HER!
EIKO-CHAN. .

WHAT A DRAG!
HUH? MORE DOLL-MAKING JUNK?
SUGA THREAD?!
THAT WAS HARSH! THEY JUST DON'T GET IT AT ALL!
UH...
WELL MAYBE I CAN HANG OUT A LITTLE LONGER
BUT I DON'T WANT TO FISS THEM OFF.
YOU GUYS SHOULDN'T PICK ON NATSUMI!
HEY, KAWANA, LEAVIN' ALREADY?
YEAH, SORRY.
I WANNA PICK UP MORE SUGA THREAD

HE'S SURROUNDED BY SILVER LIGHT...
AS IF...HE WERE FROM ANOTHER WORLD...
LIKE

IT'S KINDA SCARY
YIKES! TH'S AREA ISN'T THAT SAFE AT NIGHT!
OH... IT'S GETTING LATE
AH!
WHOA.
WHAT THE...?

AHH!
STEALING BODY PARTS IS SO GROSS!
THESE SERIAL MURDERS EVERY FEW DAYS!
Odd topic for a sunny flower garden
OH, ER... YOU SCARED ME
IT'S SOME KIND OF SICK OBSESSION!
She's pissed
SO SUNAO... WHATDA YA THINK?
AND WHAT'S WORSE, THE VICTIMS ARE ALL HOT GIRLS!
MAN! SOMEONE'S KILLING OFF MY POTENTIAL DATES!

AH
UM...
WHO'S THERE?
.....

IT'S EXHAUSTING JUST TO KEEP THEM UNDER CONTROL
BESIDES...
MY POWERS HAVE BEEN GIVING ME TROUBLE
I EVEN USE THEM UNCONSCIOUSLY
SO YOUR POWERS HAVE INCREASED?
NO... BUT IT'S ALWAYS BEEN--
SNORE
BUT... THAT'S OKAY IF NOBODY SEES, RIGHT?
...IT'S NOT SOMETHING I ENJOY
SOMEHOW SOMEONE ALWAYS SEES ME
WOW THIS IS SERIOUS, HUH?

ZZZZ...
Not again!
WOW! CUTE!
Yes this is Ibushima
HEY! NO HOMOSEXUAL RELATIONS IN THE SCHOOL CLINIC!
I'm warning you!
WHAT'S WRONG, SUNAO? LATE NIGHT?
NO
May dress like a guy but is a girl

Yeah!
HEY! IF WE GO, MAYBE WE CAN MEET HIM
THAT GUY YESTERDAY WAS BEAUTIFUL...
ALMOST INHUMAN TOO PERFECT, TOO HANDSOME
MAN! I'M SO UNLUCKY
HOW COULD I LOSE MY TICKET?
NOW, I'VE GOTTA PAY FOR THE EXHIBITION AGAIN, PLUS THE SUBWAY, AND THERE'S MY DOLL MATERIALS
Maybe I should get a job

Wow? "Hot girl list"?!
Ugh!
HMM... SHE'S NOT ONE OF OUR CLASSMATES HEY, THERE'S SOMETHIN' IN HERE
A TICKET FOR THE HINAGI DOLL EXHIBITION!
I BET SHE'S ON KUREHA'S "HOT GIRL" LIST
SHE WAS KINDA CUTE
HMM NATSUMI KAWANA
Oh—
HEY KUREHA, HERE, I PICKED THIS UP
ADULT 1800 YEN
HUH? WHO?
HINAGI'S BEEN IN THE NEWS--A REAL CELEBRITY DOLL DESIGNER
THEY SAY HE'S BEAUTIFUL, JUST LIKE THE DOLLS HE MAKES
HE'S GOT THIS HUGE FAN BASE AND-- OH! IT ENDS TODAY!

WOW! IT'S COOL! LIKE ANOTHER WORLD!
Hinagi Ori Doll Exhibition
SUNAO..
THANKS SO MUCH
...FOR COMING ALL THIS WAY TO RETURN MY TICKET.
OH NO. I'M JUST GLAD I CAUGHT YOU
IT'S YOU!?!
JUST LIKE...
HUH?
...THE DOLLS HINAGI-SAN MAKES
SO THIS IS WHY THEY LET A TEACHER TAG ALONG
I didn't even get my paycheck yet!
OH JUST IGNORE HIM
UM. WHO'S THAT...
crying over there?
← Paid for everyone else's tickets

I THREW ALL MY EMOTION INTO MAKING THIS ONE
IT'S JUST RARE TO SEE A YOUNG MAN HERE
OH, PARDON ME..
...AFTER A GOOD FRIEND OF MINE DIED...
Ah! Oh my g-d!
HINAGI ORI?!
ACK, WHAT SHOULD I SAY?
OH, S-SORRY!
UH, I'M A HUGE FAN OF YOURS!
Heh heh
THANK YOU...

DO YOU LIKE THEM?

HELLO, HAZE-YAN
I KNOW THAT!
HA HA! THAT LONG-HAIRED ONE IS A GUY, EVEN IF HE IS CUTE
SO WHICH GIRL?
But ...that's a girl for you
Oops
Uh, right
BECAUSE YOU JUST PLAY WITH THESE LITTLE GIRLS AND AREN'T SERIOUS ABOUT THE THEATER
UNCLE KIKUGORO IS SO UPSET
IT CAN'T BE
YOU KNOW
...I CAN ALWAYS CATCH A WOMAN'S SCENT
So it must be.
HUH?
OUR NEXT TARGET?

I...I ALSO MAKE DOLLS
I MAKE SIMPLE CLOTH DOLLS, BUT I...
OH, UM..
.....
MMM... BEAUTIFUL HANDS
WELL
IT'S QUITE AN HONOR
MAN, I SOUND STUPID...
REALLY WANT TO BE ABLE TO MAKE GLAMOROUS DOLLS LIKE YOU, HINAGI-SAN
YOU REALLY THOUGHT HE WAS MY BOYFRIEND?
WOW
BUT MAYBE YOUR BOYFRIEND WOULDN'T LIKE IT
REALLY, YOU'VE GOT IT ALL WRONG
REALLY? YOU'D LET ME?
OF COURSE
WOULD YOU LIKE TO VISIT MY STUDIO SOME TIME?

YES, I KNOW
ALL RIGHT?
WELL, GOOD.
THIS POWER OF MINE...
I USE IT ONLY FOR YOU...
WE ARE THE ONES WRAPPED UP IN AN ILLUSION, SAKURA
I'M GOING NOW
GIVE MY BEST TO THE COCOON

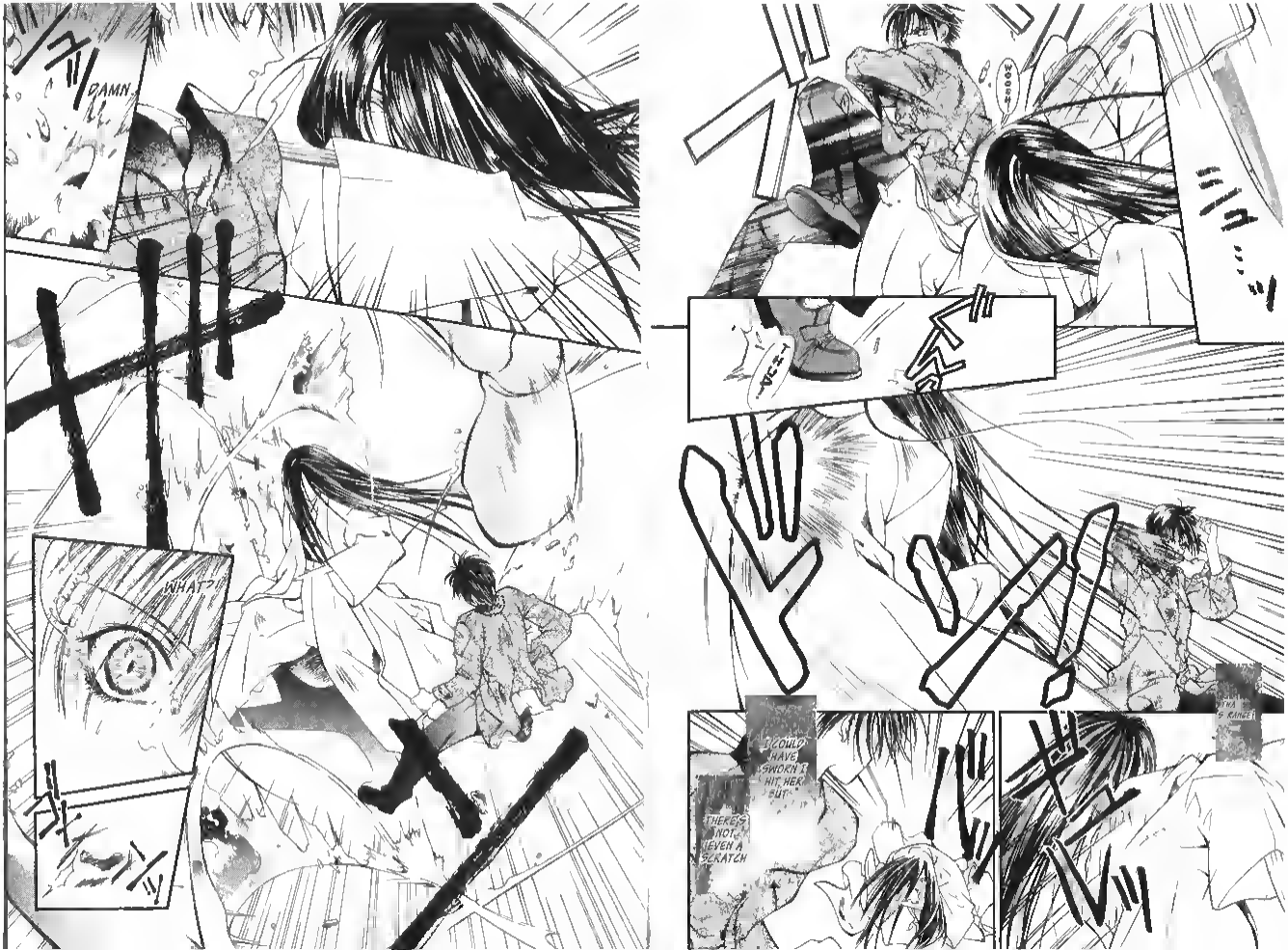
WELL, HE SHOULD GET SOME CREDIT FOR RECOGNIZING YOUR POTENTIAL
HE SAID YOU WERE BORN INTO THE GIDAYU THEATER
WHAT AN IDIOT
IT SEEMS HE WANTS YOU TO BE THE NEXT KIKUGORO*
HE ASKED ME TO CONVINCE YOU.
MY PASSION FOR DOLLS JUST HAPPENS TO MAKE ME A GOOD PUPPET-EER.
I DON'T HAVE A SPECK OF INTEREST IN BUNRAKU.
PERFORMING UNCLE'S SILLY STORIES IS THE LAST THING I'D EVER DO!
WHAT THE HELL?!
NOT THAT I'D DO HIM ANY FAVORS.
*They are talking about Bunraku – a type of traditional Japanese puppet play. Kikugoro is famous for his work in Japanese puppet theatre

?
カシャーン!!
WHAT THE ?

ぼ
WELL, SHE LOOKS LOST IN THOUGHT
DON'T YOU THINK?
Huh?
WHA WHAT?
HELLO?
.....
SUNAO IS FREOCCUFIED TOO?
OH, NEVER-MIND
KAWANA-SAN, IS THAT YOUR PHONE?
OH!

!
SASSA
LET GO
...OF HER!

WHAT THE HECK ARE YOU DOING?
You scared me
I-I-DON'T KNOW
SUDDENLY IT--
WHOA!
AHHH!
Kawana san!


DAMN.
WHAT?
WOOSH
I COULD HAVE SWORN I HIT HER, BUT-
THERE'S NOT EVEN A SCRATCH
KYA 5 RANGER

IT'S OKAY. I'LL FIX YOU UP GOOD
SLEEP NOW
WHAT THE HELL WAS...
...THAT GIRL?

RETREAT!
FOR A MOMENT...
...I LOST CONTROL.
I THOUGHT I HAD A HANDLE ON THIS.
SHE JUST FAINTED

WELL, SEE YA
OH, GOOD
WHAT WAS THAT ALL ABOUT?
HEY, KAWANA-SAN
WHERE'D YOU MEET SUCH A HUNK?
HE CAME ALL THE WAY TO SCHOOL TO SEE YOU!
HE'S DEFINITELY INTO YOU, GIRL!
HEY EIKO-CHAN
WHAT?
WOW? WASN'T HE A KOEI STUDENT?
That's SUCH a prestigious school!
ABOUT YESTER-DAY...
Hmpf!
HUMP

WHA... WHY...
...IS HE AT MY SCHOOL?!
Sticking out like a sore thumb!
WOW! EVERY-ONE IS STAR-ING!
ARE YOU FEELING BETTER?
I'M OKAY JUST EMBAR-RASSED...
About being anemic
MORNIN'
WHAT THE ...?!

HER NAME IS FUJIWARA SUNAO
SO, HOW'D IT GO?
FUJI-WARA... SUNAO?
I ASKED THE KOE! STUDENTS, AND IT SEEMS EVERYBODY KNOWS THAT GIRL
SHE SURE STANDS OUT!
DID SHE JUST BREAK OFF COCOON'S ARM?
HUH?
What are you laughin at?
Heh heh heh
AH, I GET IT NOW
SO THAT'S WHY
YES... USED SOME STRANGE POWER... WITH WATER...

I'M BACK!
OH, EXCUSE ME
COCOON...
IT'S GETTING CHILLY OUT SHALL WE GO IN?
*Her name is Mayu. They call her Cocoon because she is made from silk (which comes from silkworm cocoons)

Cocoon of the Gods
Part 2

...APPEALING...
VERY...
DON'T YOU THINK MAYU COULD MAKE USE OF HER?
I WANT HER...
Cocoon of the Gods, Part 1 — The End

AH UM...
I'M SORRY
WHY
ARE YOU BEING LIKE THIS?
I'M TIRED OF STANDING UP FOR YOU.
CAN WE TALK ABOUT SOMETHING BESIDES DOLLS?!
DON'T YOU GET IT? EVERYONE IS SICK OF HEARING ABOUT IT!
NATSUMI, I JUST CAN'T RISK RUINING MY REP ANYMORE.
HEY, EIKO, HELP US CONVINCE HER TO SET UP A GROUP DATE!

YOU'VE ALWAYS HELPED ME BEFORE
EIKO-CHAN
I TOLD YOU HE'S NOT MY BOYFRIEND!
I JUST THINK WE SHOULD
GET A WHOLE BUNCH OF PEOPLE, INCLUDING KAWANA'S BOYFRIEND, AND--
EIKO-CHAN!
DID I DO SOMETHING WRONG?
YESTERDAY, I WENT TO THE DOLL EXHIBITION AND
GUESS WHAT! I TALKED TO HINAGI-SAN IN PERSON AND HE INVITED ME TO HIS STUDIO!
AND THE NEW DOLL HE'S MAKING RIGHT NOW WILL--
NA-TSUMI!

I'M SURE HE WOULD...
...HELP ME.
...THE OTHERS WILL TOO...
...IF SHE HATES ME...
IF EIKO DOESN'T LIKE ME...
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
I
UM I...
I DON'T WANT EIKO TO HATE ME
I WILL BE ALONE
SHOULD I SET UP THAT GROUP DATE?
IT'LL BE ALL RIGHT.

THAT'S WHAT YOU REALLY THINK OF ME?
SHE'S ALWAYS ASKING OTHERS FOR HELP...
Ha ha ha...
EIKO, YOU SPOILED HER...
WHAT WAS THAT?
NATSUMI, WE GOTTA RUN
What?!
IT'S NO USE
SO IT'S POINTLESS HEY, FUKI TIME TO GET GOING
NATSUMI ONLY THINKS OF HERSELF
BUT...
WHY DID YOU HAVE TO SAY THAT IN FRONT OF EVERYONE?
...WHY

THANK YOU FOR THE OTHER DAY.
SUNAO-CHAN
HOW MUCH LONGER ARE YOU PLANNING TO KEEP UP THE CHARADE?
HUH?
ISN'T THIS FUN?

BUT...
...IT WAS ME HE TALKED TO.
IT WAS... ME
HELLO
IT CAN'T BE...
WHY IS HE WITH HINAGI-SAN?

HMMM...
...I WONDER WHY YOU'RE STILL ALIVE IN A WORLD...
...WHERE HE NO LONGER LIVES?
IT MUST HAVE BEEN DIFFICULT
I KNOW ABOUT THAT ACCIDENT FIVE YEARS AGO.
NO WONDER I DIDN'T RECOGNIZE YOU.
YOU'RE TOTALLY DIFFERENT FROM THE GIRL I HEARD ABOUT...
I KNOW HOW STRONG THE BOND BETWEEN YOU TWO WAS...
I WAS... A LITTLE JEALOUS.
BUT...

OH, BY THE WAY...
IN THAT CASE...
I WILL EXCUSE MYSELF FOR NOW...
THAT KID...
NATSUMI-CHAN CUTE, ISN'T SHE? BELIEVES EVERYTHING SHE'S TOLD.
Heh.

HUH... HEY, WAIT!
SORRY I'M LEAVING EARLY
TELL MY HOMEROOM TEACHER...
WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT ABOUT?

EXCUSE ME
THIS IS A PRIVATE SCHOOL NO OUTSIDERS
THAT GUY IS REALLY ANNOYING
ORI!

...BEING IGNORED IS WORSE.
I DON'T WANNA BE ALONE.
SO I'M OKAY WITH BEING BELOW THEM.
WELL... I... NATURALLY MISUNDERSTOOD
A GUY LIKE YOU... ...TREATING A GIRL LIKE ME SO NICELY
BUT...
AND I KNOW THAT.
BUT I'M EVEN WORSE.
HANGING OUT WITH ME MAKES THEM FEEL SUPERIOR.
PEOPLE CAN BE SO CRUEL...
NICE WHEN IT SUITS THEM, THEN SUDDENLY MEAN.
I WAS HAPPILY ... ...FOOLED
HEH HEH
I'M SO ... ...PITIFUL.
HEY YOU!
WHY ARE YOU FOLLOWING ME?
WHAT'S THE DEAL?

ASKING OTHERS FOR HELP... ...ISN'T A BAD THING
YOU TREAT OTHERS WELL, AND IT ISN'T WRONG TO ASK THE SAME IN RETURN.
SO YOU'VE MADE A MISTAKE...
I'VE GIVEN UP MYSELF.
BEING ABLE TO ADMIT YOUR FEELINGS... ...IS A SIGN OF STRENGTH.
...JUST KEEP TRYING
SNIFF... THANK... THANK YOU
UH-HUH
I REALLY AM... STUPID
I AM SMALL AND WEAK
BECAUSE I DON'T KNOW HOW
I GUESS THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO NOW IF EVEN EIKO HATES ME...
...I HATE MYSELF
YOU...
ARE NOT STUPID
A WORLD OF LIES UPON LIES
I ALWAYS TRY TO FLATTER EVERY-ONE AND NEVER QUESTION THEM...
BUT INSIDE... ...I WAS JUST WAITING FOR SOMEONE TO FIX MY WORLD

NO!
WHOA
IF YOU TRY ANY-THING...
...YOUR PRETTY LITTLE NATSUMI WILL BE HURT.
THAT BEAUTY!
I WONDER HOW LONG IT WILL LAST.
AND IT WILL BE YOUR FAULT
JUST LIKE HE WAS

YOUR BEAUTY IS SO PURE.
BUT...

UN-STABLE
YOU DESTROY EVERYTHING AROUND YOU
BE-CAUSE YOU'RE TOO PURE
IF YOU FAIL NOW
SO PATHETIC
NO!
YOU WON'T
BE ABLE TO KILL ANYONE...
THAT POWER OF Heh YOURS
STOP
TO SAVE YOU, IT'LL KILL
WHAT
KEEP CALM.
EVEN IF YOU DON'T WANT IT TO, HMM?
BUT...
I MUST CONTROL IT!

UM... WELL, IT'S JUST FOR
HERE IT IS
BUT WHY DO YOU NEED HER RECORDS?
HOKAGE.
HER HOME ISN'T THAT FAR, BUT
SHE'S RENTING A ROOM?
WHY?
WAIT
MINAI?

HAPPY?
I HAVE SOMETHING ELSE TO ATTEND TO
SAKURA
WHAT?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
GOOD JOB

MY FASHION SENSE IS NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS
Oddly enough it suits you.
In a calm voice.
I DIDN'T EXPECT YOU TO SHOW UP DRESSED LIKE THAT.
YOU SHOULD KNOW, I WON'T BE HELPING HER OUT
Very slick, getting her into my school and all
I...
I...
SUFFERING...
...BECAUSE OF YOUR POWERS
I TAUGHT THAT KID EVERYTHING I KNOW...
...ABOUT MARTIAL ARTS
I'VE WATCHED YOU SUFFER SO MUCH...
...MERELY HAVE AN INTEREST IN WHAT SHE'S DOING
BUT I WILL NOT HELP YOU.
SO IT'S NO USE PURSUING HER
WHAT EXACTLY DO YOU THINK I...?
SHIZUGI KAGUYA-SAN, FROM THE LINEAGE OF THE KOSHINTO CLAN, TAKATO LINE.
WELL, THIS IS...
...AN UNEXPECTED GUEST...
I DID EXPECT YOU TO VISIT ABOUT THESE MATTERS...
BUT...
EVEN IF YOU HAVE REALLY CUT YOUR FAMILY TIES, YOU'RE STILL NOT ALLOWED TO HAVE SUNAO HERE.
YOU ARE AWARE OF THAT, ARE YOU NOT?

.....
KAGUYA-SAN
YOU'VE BROUGHT SOMETHING STRANGE WITH YOU
Trouble has always been your specialty, hasn't it?
Thanks for the compliment
BUT...
I THINK THIS TIME, IT'S NOT MY FAULT...

NO
NEVER
I'LL NEVER BETRAY HIM!
AHHH
Tell me or I'll break your arm
SO WHAT IS HINAGI ORI AFTER?
NICE TRY, LITTLE BOY
You surprise me

YOU BAD, BAD BOY.
YOU'RE BREAKING THE LAW
CRUSH
URGH

YOU'VE BEEN A GOOD FRIEND TO HIM
NO MATTER HOW CLOSE YOUR FRIENDSHIP IS...
WHAT'S EVIL IS EVIL ♡
AND YOU MUST MAKE AMENDS FOR
...SUCH SINS
IT'S THE KIND OF FRIENDSHIP THAT...
LEAVES A NASTY TASTE IN MY MOUTH
I WON'T LET YOU GET IN HIS WAY!
I WILL PROTECT OK!
YOU'RE SO...
...REPULSIVE! ♡
UGH
DAM-MIT
THIS MAKES ME LOOK LIKE THE BAD GUY.
OKAY, OKAY!
Likes things tidy
Damn what a mess
MAKE SURE TO CLEAN UP AFTER-WARD, OKAY?

SHE
YES
NO MATTER HOW MUCH MUST BE SACRIFICED.
I HAVE SOME-THING ...
I MUST PRO-TECT.

MAYU
JUST A LITTLE LONGER...
I'VE KEPT YOU WAIT-ING
SO LONG
BUT WE'RE ALMOST DONE...
ALMOST

...WHY...

...CONTINUE TO LIVE?

Cocoon of the Gods, Part 2 – The End

Cocoon of the Gods,
Part 3
WHA...?!
AH!

SHALL WE TAKE A LOOK AT...
FUJIWARA-SAN, GOOD MORNING ♡
UH
SHIZUKI-SAN?
HINAGI-SAN...?
WHY ARE YOU.
WELL, WELL.
What?!
THE BEAUTY WHO HAS YOU BOYS SO CAPTIVATED?
WAIT!!
ORI!
TAKE MAYU AND RUN!
AH, MAN, I TOLD YOU, NONE OF THAT STUFF!
SUCH A STUBBORN BOY!

IT'S OKAY...
I'M HERE, MY SWEET
WHAT THE HELL?
HE'S...
INSANE
OH!!!

A...
...DOLL?
OH, MAYU.
THEY SCARED YOU, DIDN'T THEY?

LOOK
YOU SEE
ISN'T SHE LOVELY?
MAYU'S RIGHT HERE
ORI, IT'S OKAY FOR YOU TO HIDE OUT IN YOUR STUDIO
BUT SHOULDN'T YOU BE AT HER FUNERAL?
IT'S NOT NECESSARY
A BODY FIT FOR HER SOUL
IF THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT...
I'VE GOT TO MAKE HER A REAL BODY.
BUT SHE'S NOT RIGHT YET
A PERFECT, LIVING DOLL

APPARENTLY, SHE SLIT HER OWN THROAT RIGHT IN FRONT OF HIM.
KUSTJE
YOU!
GRRR
HE LOVES HIS MAYU MORE THAN HIS OWN LIFE!
LEAVE HIM ALONE!
MUST BE A HUGE SHOCK
TO LOSE YOUR FIANCEE LIKE THAT
IT WAS A SUICIDE.

.....
ORI...?
YOU ARE
...SUCH A FOOL, SAKURA.

THAT WAS ALL I WANTED
SOMEONE TO SHARE MY LIFE WITH
BECAUSE OF MY POWERS, I'VE ALWAYS BEEN ALONE
HOW BORING
BEING CAUGHT UP IN YOUR OWN MAKE-BELIEVE WORLD
AND WHAT'LL HAPPEN WHEN SHE'S DONE?
You're spoiling him
WHAT THE HELL DO YOU KNOW?!
THE MOST BEAUTIFUL HEART IN THE WORLD BY MY SIDE
THAT'S WHAT I NEEDED
THAT'S WHY...
...I'LL DO ANY-THING FOR ORI!

AND I DON'T--
BUT YOU'RE AFFECTIONATE WITH EVERYONE.
YOU SAY SO
WHEN YOU WANT TO BE HELD, I HOLD YOU
AND I LISTEN TO YOUR EVERY WORD
SILLY GIRL
I DO LOVE YOU.
YOU'RE SO SELFISH
NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU GET, YOU ONLY WANT MORE.
I...
I WANT TO BE NUMBER ONE IN YOUR HEART
WHAT ELSE DO YOU WANT FROM ME?
THAT'S NOT ENOUGH! I WANT TO MATTER!
BUT MAYU WANTED TOO MUCH...
SHE ALWAYS WANTED SOMETHING FROM ME
SHE'D GO ON AND ON ABOUT OUR LOVE, LIKE A CURSE.
PLEASE!
LOOK INTO MY EYES AND SAY IT!
I'VE NEVER LOVED MAYU
WHAT?
YOU STILL DON'T GET IT.
YOU ACTUALLY BELIEVE ALL THAT? HOW STUPID...
FOOLISH WOMAN
IF SHE'D BEHAVED HERSELF, WE WOULD HAVE BEEN HAPPY.

STOP IT!
I...
WILL JOIN YOU TOO.
THAT'S WHY I'LL LET YOU DIE TOGETHER
GLIMMER
BUT...
ONLY BECAUSE OF MY PURE LOVE FOR MAYU.
!
DRIP DRIP

I CAN'T REALLY LOVE ANY-ONE, CAN YOU?
YOU
YOU'RE PATHETIC. JUST GET OUT OF MY SIGHT
I WOULDN'T WASTE MY HEART ON A SELFISH, NEEDY GIRL
THAT'S ALL IN THE PAST NOW...
THOUGH, IT'S UNFOR-TUNATE I DIDN'T GET TO FINISH MY PERFECT DOLL
YOU LOVED ME

YOU...
...CAN'T KILL HIM
YOU'RE TRYING TO PROTECT HIM
!
WHEN I FOUND YOU ...
...I MUST SAY I WAS SURPRISED
AS IF KILLING HIM WOULD DO THAT
NO!

I COULDN'T LET HIM GO
THAT'S WHY I NEEDED MAYU TO KEEP SAKURA.
HE COULD LEAVE TODAY
I WAS FILLED WITH THE FEAR I WOULD BE ALONE.
OK TO-MOR-ROW
STOP BEING AN IDIOT!
LIKE MAYU LAYER-S UPON LAYERS OF LIES.
STOP IT!
NONE OF THAT MATTERS!
I FELT A SENSE OF PEACE
BECAUSE SAKURA WAS WILLING TO KILL FOR ME
I'M A COWARD

I . .
I COULDN'T GO ON IF I LOST SAKURA
EVEN THOUGH YOU LOST RITSU
HOW COULD YOU KEEP ON STANDING?
...YOUR STRENGTH WAS SO ADMIRABLE
SAKURA STANDS BY ME AND NEVER ASKS FOR ANYTHING
I WAS ALWAYS AFRAID...
...AFRAID HE'D LEAVE ME IF HE SAW WHO I REALLY WAS.

CAN YOU HANDLE HIS GHOST?
R-RI-TSU
SAY SUCH THINGS TO ME?!
LET'S FIND OUT HOW STRONG YOU REALLY ARE
SAKURA!
SAKURA!

AND IT WILL GET WORSE
I LET MY FEAR KEEP ME FROM PROTECTING WHO I REALLY LOVED.
WHY
..DO YOU THINK
THAT IT'S YOUR FAULT AND YOURS ALONE
..WHEN HE IS JUST AS GUILTY?!
I'M TIRED OF ACTING
MY HEART IS WORN OUT.
.....
HOW DARE YOU..

AHH...
AGAIN
AH...
WHY?
ゴロ!

GRR!
CAN YOUR MIND OVERCOME YOUR EMOTIONS?
OR...
WILL YOUR HEART BE YOUR DOWN-FALL?

DO YOU REALLY THINK...
HINAGI-SAN!
HINAGI-SAN, DO SOME-THING!
YOU CAN BREAK HER SO EASILY?
IF YOU WANT TO KILL YOURSELF, DO IT ALONE.

AHHH!
DAMN
WHAT A PAIN IN THE ASS...

WE NEVER FORGET
AND ALWAYS CARRY EACH OTHER'S PAIN
IT WAS
MY LAST SELFISH WISH...
I WANTED TO LOVE YOU...
BUT WE LOVED TOO MUCH
YOU PROBABLY WILL NEVER FORGIVE ME...
THAT'S WHY WE CAN'T BE TOGETHER
HINAGI-SAN!
TOO GREAT A BOND
WE HAVE

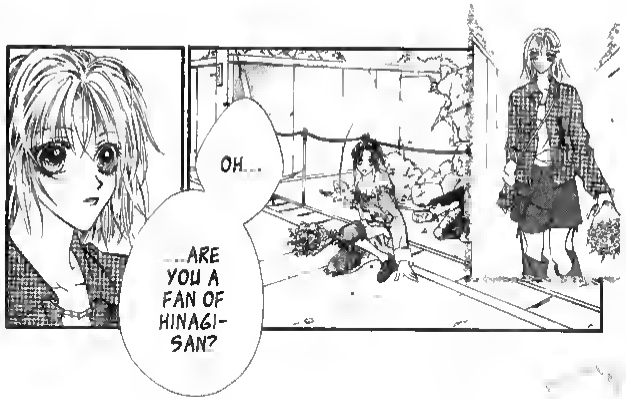
COULD I ASK YOU TO TAKE CARE OF SAKURA?
W-
WHAT?!
HOW COULD I...?
I MEAN...
IF YOU LEAVE HIM...
I HELD ONTO SAKURA SO LONG
ALL THE WHILE AFRAID
WHAT WILL IT DO TO HIM?
THAT'S WHY I MUST.

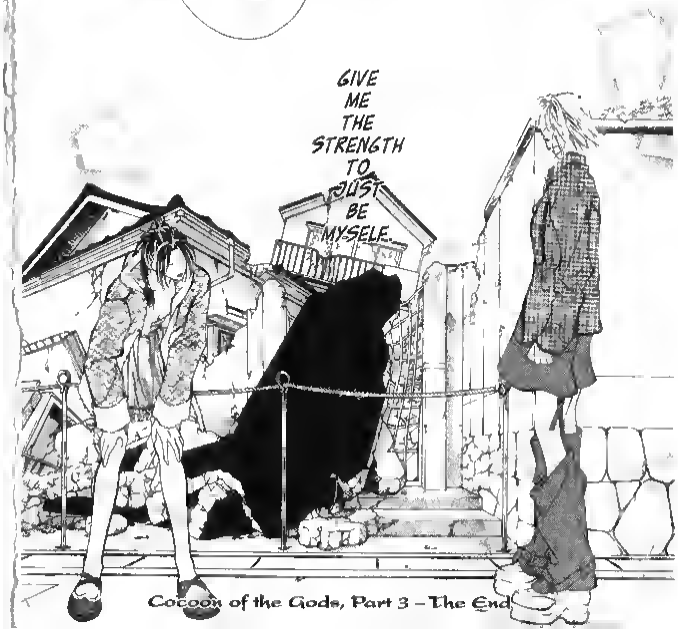
BUT I HOPE...
MY BEING WITH HIM WILL RUIN HIM
AFRAID I WOULD DRIVE THE ONE I LOVED MAD, TOO...

...REALLY LOVE...
...ME?
YOU AND...
ME, MAYU
WE'RE FINALLY FREE FROM IT ALL
HEY
DID YOU
...IS ON THE OTHER SIDE.
MAYBE THE TRUTH...
HE WAS MY GOD.
WHAT-EVER OTHERS MAY SAY..
...TO ME HE WAS A GOD.
カラカラ
HINAGI-SAN!

TO CARE FOR SOMEONE...
...HELP ME.
PLEASE
...ENOUGH TO DIE FOR THEM

PLEASE TELL ME THE WHOLE STORY
SOME-DAY
FRAGILE...
SHORT-LIVED..
THE SAD STORY OF THE DOLL-MAKER WHO LIVED ONLY FOR YOU.
ISN'T IT A BEAUTIFUL DAY?
.....
I'LL VISIT AGAIN SOON
.....





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NEVER FORGET THE THINGS THAT MAKE YOU WHO YOU ARE.
HEY YOU, WHAT'RE YOU DOING?
YOU'RE SOAKED!
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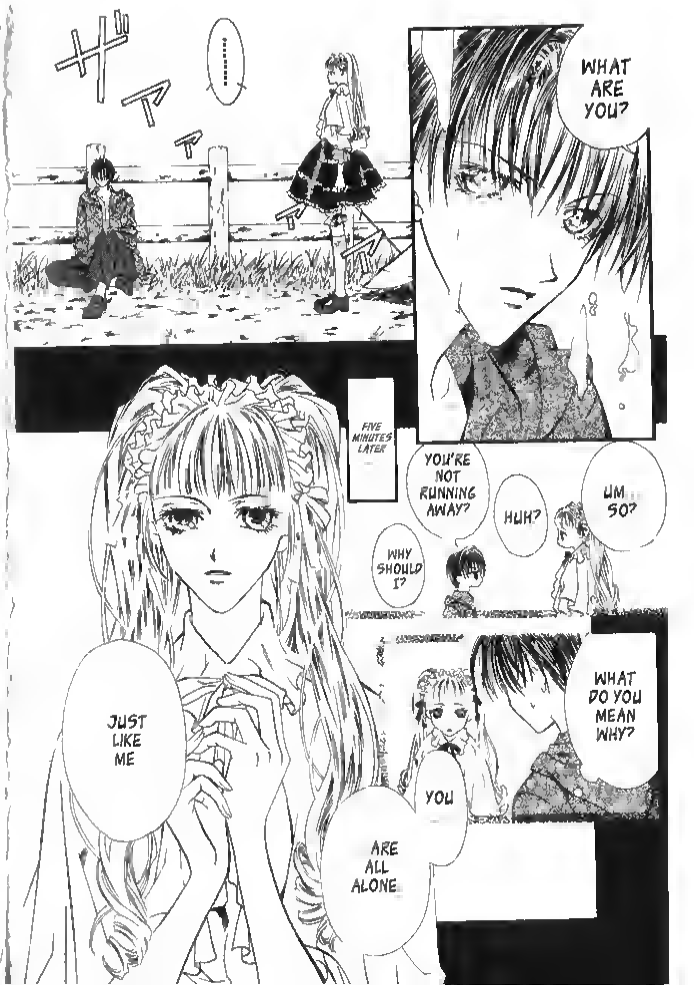
DON'T TOUCH ME!
WHAT ...?

BUT IT'S OKAY NOW
I'LL TAKE CARE OF YOU
UMI-CHAN! UMI-CHAN!
QUICK! GET A TOWEL HE'LL CATCH COLD!
RIKU? WHAT'D YOU DRAG IN THIS TIME?
I'M ALWAYS THE ONE WHO ENDS UP TAKING CARE OF IT, YOU KNOW!
Meow Meow


...!
WHAT ARE YOU?
FIVE MINUTES LATER
YOU'RE NOT RUNNING AWAY?
HUH?
UM SO?
WHY SHOULD I?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN WHY?
JUST LIKE ME
YOU
ARE ALL ALONE

I WAS SERIOUS!
IT'S JUST AN ALIAS FOR THE MORTAL WORLD
SHOULDN'T AN ANGEL HAVE A... ERR GRANDER NAME?
FUJI-WARA
WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

YOU TWO LIVE HERE ALONE?
WELL, IF IT'S WHAT RIKU WANTS...
But don't you dare flirt with her
I DUNNO WHY RIKU BELIEVES THIS ANGEL CRAP
...BUT ARE YOU OKAY BEING TREATED LIKE A PET?
I mean, shouldn't you be upset?
WHAT ABOUT YOU? YOU JUST LET A TOTAL STRANGER INTO YOUR HOME...
LET ME WARN YOU...
DON'T TRY TO COME BETWEEN RIKU AND ME...
WE HAVE A SPECIAL RELATION-SHIP
SPECIAL?

NO!
PLEASE FEEL FREE TO SEE YOURSELF OUT.
...BUT I'M SORRY FOR ANY TROUBLE MY SISTER CAUSED YOU
I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU ARE OR WHERE YOU'RE FROM...

Huh?
Wait!
IT'S AN ANGEL!
DID YOU RUN AWAY FROM HOME?
YOU IDIOT! LET IT GO!
It's already grown up!
I FOUND IT, SO I'M GONNA RAISE IT.
AH!
IT'S NOT HUMAN!
THAT'S A HUMAN BEING! NOT AN ANIMAL!

SO HE GAVE MONEY TO THE HOUSE-KEEPER AND LEFT US WITH HER.
FOR DAD, TWO KIDS WERE JUST A BIG BURDEN.
AND HE TRIED TO HAVE RIKU PUT IN A MENTAL HOSPITAL!
WANDERING AROUND THE PARK...
JUST THE TWO OF US AT NIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF WINTER...
MY MOM HAD HANGED HER-SELF.
BY THE TIME THE POLICE FOUND US AND TOOK US HOME...
SINCE THAT DAY, RIKU'S NEVER REALLY LOVED ANYONE
SHE WON'T HAVE ANY CONTACT WITH THE OUTSIDE WORLD
SHE DOESN'T EXPECT OR HOPE FOR ANYTHING
A DARK STORY, HUH?
WE COULD HAVE DIED THAT NIGHT.

YOU SEE, MY MOM, SHE LOVED MY DAD TOO MUCH
AND IT BEGAN TO WEIGH HIM DOWN
SO DAD LEFT MOM FOR ANOTHER WOMAN
AND THEN...
WELL MOM WENT KINDA COO-COO...
YUP
SO HE LEFT US IN THE PARK I WAS FIVE AT THE TIME
I GUESS HE JUST WANTED US OUT OF HIS HAIR.
DAD NEVER REALLY LIKED KIDS ANYWAY...
WE ALMOST DIED TOGETHER.

BREASTS
YOU HAVE BREASTS
DIDN'T YA KNOW?
Wait
ANGELS CAN BE ANY GENDER THEY CHOOSE
SHALL I TAKE A BATH WITH YOU NEXT TIME?
EEKS!
Covers her!

YOU MAY BE GOOD AT PRETENDING TO BE AN ANGEL...
...BUT IF YOU HURT HER, I'LL KILL YOU
SHE EVEN REFUSES TO GO TO SCHOOL
BUT I SHARE THE SAME DARK PAST, SO SHE TRUSTS ME
WAIT JUST A MINUTE, YOU PERVERT!
RIKU IS TOO YOUNG FOR THAT SORT OF THING!
ANGEL-CHAN! LET'S TAKE A BATH! ♡
UH UM...
How'd he get dry so fast?
HUUHH?
-ZZZ-

I MAY END UP HURTING YOU WITH MY POWERS
YOU ARE A BEAUTIFUL BEING.
I KNOW THAT

HUMANS CHANGE THEIR HEARTS SO EASILY.
I DON'T TRUST THEM
I MAY BE EVEN WORSE THAN A HUMAN.
A REAL ANGEL?!
WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT?!
IT CAN'T BE
AREN'T YOU WORRIED? Is he okay?
IT'S FINE
Wearing a shirt for mom.
UMI-CHAN'S GOING TO LEAVE ME SOMEDAY, ANYWAY

CAN THAT GUY SING YOU TO SLEEP?
Lucky tone-deaf to me.
He sings every night
WHAT?! WHAT THE...?!
HEY I'M GONNA BE SLEEPING WITH THE ANGEL...
So you sleep with the cats, then?

Picture-Perfect Twosome
Ugh
The glare!

YOU'RE NOT CHILDREN
I'm going to bed
Just a couple of times
IDIOTS

Peeks in worried

YOU'RE SO COLD...
I'M SORRY YOU GOT SOAKED, TOO...
HUH?
RIKU, THE RAIN...

Back from a bath
HI, UMI-CHAN...
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING? ALL THIS NOISE

HI, SAYAKO-CHAN!
RIKO HAS THERAPY WITH HIM NOW...
IS MY DAD HERE?
WELL
I HOPE RIKU-CHAN WILL GO BACK TO SCHOOL
It's been so difficult for Umi to come every week.
HAMADA HOSPITAL
Neurology
Psychiatry
Mental Health

Completely ignored them.

TOO MANY DAYS OF ABSENCE WILL BE DIFFICULT TO COVER UP...
...AND MAY ATTRACT ATTENTION
Fujiwara withdrawal syndrome.
Same, where are you?
Oh, Inushima.
Gets wild
WHAT? FUJIWARA'S STILL NOT BACK?

IF SHE DOESN'T COME BACK ON HER OWN...
IT'S POINT-LESS
BRINGING HER BACK BY FORCE WON'T HELP
MAYBE SHE'S WAITING FOR SOMEONE TO COME FIND HER?

I WONDER IF SHE'S EVER GOING TO GET OVER THIS
HMM
WAS RITSU THAT IMPORTANT?
WE CAN ONLY WAIT FOR NOW.
I UNDER-STAND

UM... UMI?
...WHO UNDERSTOOD RIKU...AND WHO RIKU GAVE HER LOVE TO.
WELL, I THOUGHT I WAS THE ONLY ONE...
I...
RRR

NOW YOU CAN HAVE A LITTLE TIME FOR YOURSELF!
THAT'S GREAT!
I DON'T NEED TIME FOR MYSELF!
UNNNNN...
HEY, UMI! IS IT OKAY TO LEAVE RIKU-CHAN THERE?
IT'S FINE! THEY'RE TOGETHER
HEY! WHO IS THAT?
DON'T KNOW
Calm down nurse!
WELL, OF COURSE I'M THE ONLY ONE RIKU HAS...
I ALWAYS THOUGHT HOW ADMIRABLE IT WAS, YOU TAKING CARE OF RIKU...
EXCEPT
OH, I'M SORRY I DIDN'T MEAN ANYTHING
I JUST MEANT THAT PEOPLE OUR AGE DO THEIR OWN THINGS...

SAYAKO-CHAN, SHE'S A GOOD KID, ISN'T SHE? WONDER IF THEY'RE DATING...
THOSE TWO SEEM TO BE GETTING ALONG WELL!
DO YOU KNOW ANY-THING, RIKU-CHAN?
Do tell!
I DON'T KNOW...
OH, REALLY?
THAT BOTHERS ME...
IT'S OKAY IT DOESN'T MATTER
OF COURSE, I KNEW THIS WOULD HAPPEN.

Fujiwara is a caring husband
WAIT WAIT A SEC...
AH, SAYAKO?
YES, FUJI-SAKI?
...

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Hah hah
LET'S GO, SAYAKO

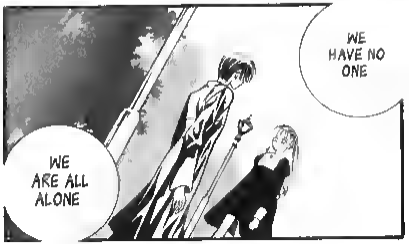
SOMEDAY, UMI-CHAN WILL NO LONGER NEED ME
RIKU
OH, A DATE FOR RIKU, TOO

OUR SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP
YOU CAN'T EXPECT ME TO KEEP TAKING CARE OF YOU
YOU CAN DO WHATEVER YOU WANT!
WILL YOU STOP IT?!
AM I SUPPOSED TO REPORT ...
.. EVERY-THING I DO?
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO DESTROYED ...
THEN GIVE HER TO ME
GOING SOME-WHERE?
YUP
WITH SAYAKO-CHAN?
WHAT'S IT TO YOU?
SO YOU DON'T NEED ME ANYMORE?
UMI-CHAN

THE REASON RIKU DIDN'T OPEN HER HEART TO PEOPLE WASN'T BECAUSE SHE DIDN'T HAVE HOPE...
...IT WAS BECAUSE SHE WAS SCARED...
YOU DIDN'T EVEN SEE THAT
I CAN UNDER-STAND RIKU BETTER... AND I NEED HER.
SO, I'M GOING TO TAKE IT ALL.
ファサ!
RIKU'S ALWAYS BEEN AFRAID
WONDERING IF SHE'D BE ABANDONED AGAIN.
WONDERING IF ANYONE REALLY NEEDED HER...
GIVE ME RIKU.
GIVE HER TO ME

I.
I ALWAYS COME HERE.
I ENGRAVE IT...
...DEEPLY INTO MY HEART.
EVERYTHING WHICH HAS MADE ME WHO I AM.
...THE THINGS I PROMISED MYSELF.
...IN ORDER NOT TO FORGET...

TO JUST LIVE WITHOUT ANYONE
IT'S VERY LONELY, ISN'T IT?


WE HAVE NO ONE
WE ARE ALL ALONE

THE BOND BETWEEN THE TWO OF YOU, YOUR MEMORIES, AND YOUR LOVE
SHE WILL CUT OFF EVERYTHING THE TWO OF YOU HAVE SHARED.
AND SHE WILL BE MINE

I...
...MISLED YOU, SAYAKO
UMI?
I'M SORRY
YOU'RE COOL AND I ENJOY CHATTING WITH YOU BUT...
...FOR ME, THERE'S ONLY RIKU
EVEN IF THAT'S CHILDISH.
I UNDER-STAND.

YES, IT IS
RIKU
WOULD YOU BE MINE?
THROW AWAY ALL THE PAIN, THE SADNESS, THE MEMORIES.
I THINK WE WILL...
...HELP EACH OTHER DO THAT.
WE CAN START OVER ONCE MORE.

IT'S NOT WHAT YOU THINK! YOU DON'T NEED TO LEAVE!
UMI
HEY, ANGEL BOY! LISTEN UP!
I'M NOT ABOUT TO HAND OVER RIKU TO.
...SOMEONE WHO HARDLY KNOWS HER...
THAT'S WHY...
RIKU, YOU FOOL!

IT'S OKAY...
UMI, YOU'RE ALWAYS THINKING ABOUT RIKU
I LIKE THE WAY YOU TAKE CARE OF HER

I WANTED TO PROTECT HER. FROM FEAR AND SADNESS.
BUT I REALIZE THAT, REALLY...
...I WAS ONLY PROTECTING MYSELF.

SO
PLEASE COME BACK TO ME.
WE MAY ARGUE
GET ANGRY AND CRY
OR LAUGH
BUT OUR FEELINGS FOR EACH OTHER WILL NEVER CHANGE.
I WANT TO SPEND MY LIFE WITH YOU, RIKU.
IF RIKU WOULD JUST
KEEP SMILING
THAT'S ALL THAT MATTERS
OR LOVE OTHERS
IT'S WHAT I'VE SHARED WITH YOU
THAT'S MADE ME WHO I AM.
EVEN IF WE CHOOSE COMPLETELY DIFFERENT PATHS IN THE FUTURE

I PROMISE YOU
I'M HERE!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO RELY ON AN ANGEL OR A GOD OR ANYTHING
I'LL DO WHATEVER IT TAKES
IT'S WHAT I LIVE FOR
DAMMIT!
YOU CAN BE SELFISH.
YOU CAN SAY ANYTHING YOU WANT
EVEN IF I DON'T ALWAYS UNDERSTAND
I'LL TRY AND HELP

I'M SORRY
IT IS UMI I CARE ABOUT
AFTER ALL
UMI'S THE ONE THAT I CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT
HUH?
THANK YOU

IT'S ALL RIGHT
I CAN STILL WALK
I CAN STILL STAND ON MY OWN

I CAN LIVE FACING THIS WORLD
WHICH HAS MADE ME WHO I AM

AN ANGEL FOR REAL?

..I STILL REMEMBER EVERYTHING I LOVE

EVEN THROUGH THE PAIN, AND THE SADNESS_

TONIGHT...
UM, COME TO THINK OF IT...
ISN'T TODAY...
THE FIRST FULL MOON SINCE MINAMO TURNED FIFTEEN?
...THE TIME OF CHANGE IS COMING

38 points

Oh, my
NOT AGAIN
Damn
I'M FLUNKING!
I'll kill myself
UNBELIEVABLE
OUR LITTLE SISTER HAS TO TAKE THE ENTRANCE EXAM THIS YEAR, AND SHE'S FLUNKING
I'm so disappointed
SHE WAS SO SHOCKED, SHE WENT AND HID HERSELF SOMEWHERE
THE DUMBER THE CHILD THE MORE LOVABLE, THEY SAY ♡

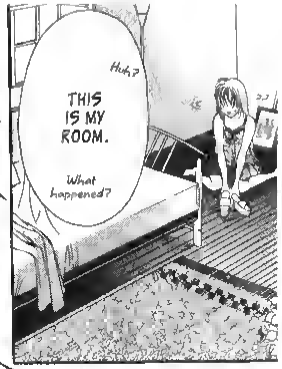
AAH!
EEK!
AAH! WHAT THE HELL?
WAIT A MINUTE! A MONSTER?!
...EATEN BY SOME STUPID MONSTER...
AND TO TOP IT OFF, TO DIE...
WHY CAN'T MY BROTHERS SEEM TO BE ABLE TO DO EVERYTHING!

I WILL KILL MYSELF!
I will!
I ALWAYS FOLLOW THROUGH
Lub
WHOA

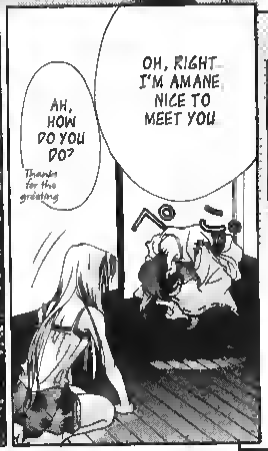
MINAMO
..HE'S YOUR PARTNER.

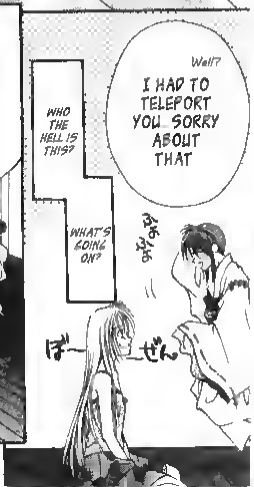
HEY, EVERYONE!
THERE'S A MONSTER! A GHOST!
OKAY, CALM DOWN...
Hmm. I'm refreshing reference!
HUH? A GHOST? WHERE WHERE?
IT'S YOUUU!!

ARE YOU OKAY?


Huh?
THIS IS MY ROOM.
What happened?

WAIT!... WHAT AM I DOING?!


AH, HOW DO YOU DO?
Thanks for the greeting
OH, RIGHT I'M AMANE NICE TO MEET YOU


WHO THE HELL IS THIS?
WHAT'S GOING ON?
Well?
I HAD TO TELEPORT YOU SORRY ABOUT THAT
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OF COURSE, THE GHOSTS
.TRY TO OVER-POWER US TSUKI-MORI
IN ORDER TO DO THIS, THEY GO AFTER HUMANS
IN THE END, THE TSUKIMORI JOINED WITH CERTAIN HUMAN BEINGS
OUR FAMILY IS WHAT'S CALLED "TSUKIMORI" AND WE WATCH OVER THESE GHOSTS.
WE'RE NOT CONSIDERED TO BE HUMAN OR GHOST
SO AFTER ALL THAT, HERE WE ARE
Understand?
IN THE BEGIN-NING ...
... IT WAS JUST A SMALL AMOUNT
BUT THEY GOT GREEDY.
THEY WOULD TAKE LIFE FORCE THAT THEY DIDN'T EVEN NEED, POINTLESSLY KILLING PEOPLE.

SO MANY GHOSTS
THIS HAS BEEN OUR FAMILY SECRET...
YOU SEE...
Seems unusual.
.. FOR MANY GENER-ATIONS
THE PROBLEM IS THAT...
THESE GHOSTS AND MONSTERS DO EXIST.
IT MAY BE DIFFICULT TO BELIEVE, BUT THERE ARE NON-HUMAN THINGS IN THIS WORLD
THEY USE HUMAN ENERGY TO FEED THEIR POWERS
Ahem.
LISTEN WELL, MINAMO.
Huh

AMANE
SCARY!!
JUST LEAVE IT TO ME!!
OKAY!
MINAMO'S POWERS ARE NOT THAT MATURE YET...
SO SHE'S EASY PREY FOR GHOSTS.
SHE'S VERY VULNERABLE. GOOD LUCK
I WONDER IF IT WILL BE OKAY...?

WHAT?!
FROM NOW ON, YOU'VE GOTTA TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF. WELL, GOOD LUCK AND TAKE THIS TALISMAN ♡
UNTIL NOW, YOUR BROTHERS HAVE GUARDED YOU. BUT
ANY-WAY!
Err
DOES THAT MEAN I'M PART GHOST THINGY?
Sort of
A Flunked student
Amane
Saiki
Shiroshi
Akane
Suruga
WHEN THEIR MAGICAL POWERS ARE MATURE
YOU SEE TSUKIMORI AT THE FIRST FULL MOON AFTER TURNING 17.
CREATE A MORIBITO USING A SMALL BIT OF THEIR SOUL
THE MORIBITO WATCHING OVER THE TSUKIMORI SHARES THEIR DESTINY
THAT SOUNDS REALLY...
I'M A CUTE LITTLE BABY JUST BORN

UH... IS THERE ANYTHING I CAN DO?
AH, YES, OF COURSE
CAN YOU PASS ME THAT TUBE?
UM NO, THANKS
Well
WHY DON'T YOU TAKE NOTES?
We just don't want any more trouble
EVERYONE THINKS I'M TOO STUPID...
...TO HELP OUT AT ALL
OH
SURE, I'LL DO THAT
THIS STINKS

Oh,
NO ONE ELSE CAN SEE IT
キョロ~
MY BROTHERS SO EASILY ACCEPTED THIS STUFF.
I UNDERSTOOD IT, BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN I ACCEPT IT.
SHIOTSUKI-SAN. SHIOTSUKI-SAN...
YOU SAVED ME YESTERDAY.
BUT JUST BECAUSE I'M SUDDENLY TOLD TO FIGHT THOSE GHOST THINGIES, DOESN'T MEAN I CAN DO IT.

Oh, come on THIS LITTLE GUY?
I MEAN, IT'S SO TINY I CAN JUST HIT IT AND IT WILL KEEL OVER
HUH?
IT'S...
ほわ——ん
THIS MAY NOT BE SO BAD AFTER ALL
WHAT A NICE GUY
ALL RIGHT, MINAMO-SAN!!
So cool
TO BE ABLE TO DO IT JUST LIKE THAT!
HUH?
They could be twins!

I WANT POWER
POWER
SO I CAN STAND ON MY OWN
EVEN IF I'M JUST A "STUPID" GIRL
HUH?
OH, THIS?
SCARED ME!
IT'S A GHOST
WHAT THE HELL IS THAT?
WHOA
Seems happy
LET'S KILL IT.
A PERFECT ONE FOR OUR FIRST JOB.
Tiny Weirdo
It dances!
A GHOST!
This tiny weirdo?

...HUGE!
IT'S
IT CAN'T POSSIBLY ...
WATCH OUT!
WHOA
WHAT THE—? A BOMB?
...BE GOING AFTER US?!
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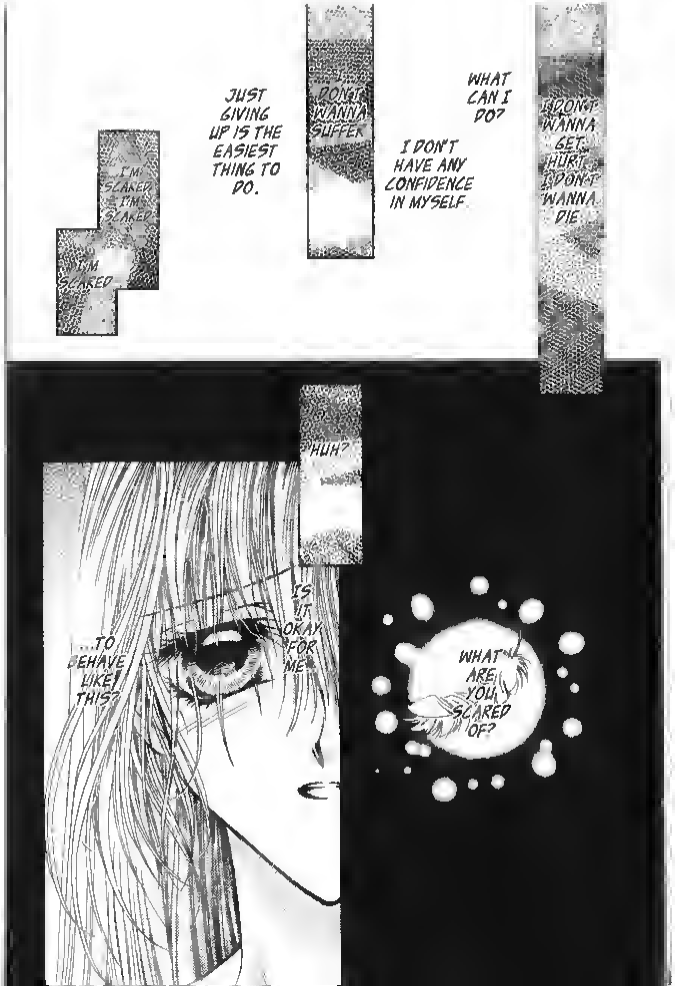
BL ...
IT'S BLOOD!!
MINAMO-SAN, CALM DOWN!

NO! I DON'T WANNA GET HURT! I DON'T WANNA DIE!!!
NO!!
Don't be a coward!
MINAMO-SAN, YOU USE THE TITLE OF "MISTRESS" ONLY WHEN IT'S CONVENIENT
NOW IS NOT THE TIME...
...for a breakdown
NO! IT'S IMPOS-SIBLE.
AMAME, DID YOU THINK IT WAS OKAY TO RISK THE LIFE OF YOUR MISTRESSES?
YOU'RE SO CRUEL!
AH!

MAYBE WHEN THAT TINY GHOST DISAPPEARED
IT RELAYED THAT MINAMO-SAN'S POWERS ARE NOT YET MATURE
WHAT?
WHAT?! WHY?!
IT'S GOING TO KILL ME!
NO!
I'M DEAD!


I'M SCARED. I'M SCARED. I'M SCARED.
JUST GIVING UP IS THE EASIEST THING TO DO.
I DON'T WANNA SUFFER.
I DON'T HAVE ANY CONFIDENCE IN MYSELF.
WHAT CAN I DO?
I DON'T WANNA GET HURT. I DON'T WANNA DIE.
HUH?
...TO BEHAVE LIKE THIS?
IS IT OKAY FOR ME...
WHAT ARE YOU SCARED OF?

IF WE DON'T STAND TOGETHER, IT DOESN'T WORK!
I.
I NEVER SAID I'D FIGHT THESE DAMN THINGS!
IF YOU WANT TO FIGHT GHOSTS, DO IT YOURSELF!
MINAMO-SAN...

AH
UGH
Ugh
MINAMO-SAN!
UGH!
LET AMANE GO!
AMANE!
OH NO!
MINA-MO-SAN!
IT'S OKAY TO RUN AWAY
BUT WHY DIDN'T AMANE FOLLOW ME?
I'M WORRIED
HE CAN'T ACTUALLY BE FIGHT-ING BY HIMSELF . . .?
AHHH!
← Actually he is
UGH...
cough cough

I WAS JUST THINKING ABOUT RUNNING AWAY
I'M A COW-ARD
I GAVE UP FROM THE BEGIN-NING
I DIDN'T EVEN TRY
I...
HUH
I DON'T DESERVE YOUR TRUST.
BUT...
...YOU CAME BACK FOR ME...
IT'S OKAY
WE'LL WIN FOR SURE
BELIEVE IN

...YOU WOULD COME BACK...
BECAUSE I BELIEVED...
AMANE...
あれ?
AH, I'M... OKAY
I'm sorry
WHY
...ARE YOU SUCH A FOOL?
FOOL
NO, YOU'RE NOT! WHY DIDN'T YOU RUN AWAY?!
BECAUSE BECAUSE

A SACRED SHRINE OF GODS AND SPIRITS WITHIN
THE HOLY SOUL, A GOD DWELLS
TOGETHER, WE ARE A LIVING GOD
WITH AN EIGHT-HEADED SWORD
I WILL KILL THIS DEMON
THE BEING THAT IS WEAK
THE SELF THAT YOU HATED
BELIEVE IN IT
LOVE IT
TSUKIMORI, THE FIGHTER, HAS THE POWER TO ATTACK.
AND
...MORIBITO, THE PROTECTOR, HAS THE POWER TO DEFEND.
WE ARE.
...ONE.
YOURSELF
OKAY?

DIE!

GO BACK TO HELL!
MINAMO-SAN!
I'M GOING TO CHANGE MYSELF.
I'LL KILL THIS DEMON!
WITH A SWORD OF FIRE
LIKE SEVERING THE ROOTS OF A GREAT TREE

A COGWHEEL OF THE REVOLUTION...
PERHAPS SHE CAN!
BECOME
..IS NOW
TURNING
A GREAT FIGHTER AFTER ALL

VERY IMPRESSIVE
WE WEREN'T EVEN NEEDED
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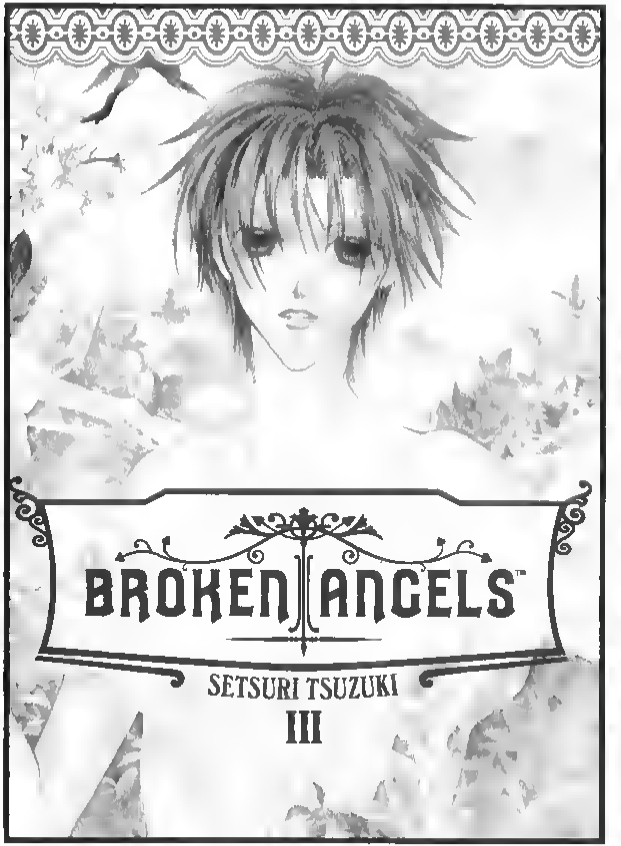

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